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SUBJECT: CODEL STEVENSON

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1. AMBASSADOR PORTER AND EMBASSY STAFF LOOK FORWARD TO VISIT BY CODEL STEVENSON FEB 11-15. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. PORTER INVITE SENATOR AND MR. BUELL TO BE THEIR HOUSEQUESTS IN JIDDA. FIRST SECRETARY DUANE BUTCHER, WHO IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENERGY AND FINANCE, WILL BE CONTROL OFFICER.

2. UPON RECEIPT OF SEPTTEL (PER DEPT'S REFERENCE) LISTING SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS SENATOR STEVENSON WISHES TO SEE, WE WILL PROVIDE DEPT. WITH FURTHER PROGRAM DETAILS. WE SUGGEST HOWEVER THAT SENATOR STEVENSON REQUEST AUDIENCE WITH KING KHALID, AND MEETINGS WITH CROWN PRINCE FAHD (ALSO CHAIRMAN OF HIGHER PETROLEUM COUNCIL AS WELL AS MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AHMAD ZAKI YAMANI. OTHER WORTHWHILE CALLS MIGHT INCLUDE MINISTER OF FINANCE MUHAMMAD AL-ALI ABA AL-KHAYL AND MINISTER OF PLANNING HISHAM NAZER. THESE CALLS WOULD REQUIRE ONWARD TRAVEL TO RIYADH.

3. BECAUSE SENATOR STEVENSON WILL ONLY HAVE ONE FULL WORKING DAY IN SAUDI ARABIA AND BECAUSE SAG'S LEADERS ARE SO PERI-

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PATETIC, WE CAN NOT BE SURE ALL THOSE MENTIONED ABOE WILL

BE AVAILABLE IN RIYADH ON SATURDAY, FEB 14. THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THE KING MIGHT STILL BE VACATIONING IN DESERT. TOP SAUDI OFFICIALS ARE GENERALLY NOT RPT NOT AVAILABLE FOR BUSINESS CALLS OR SOCIAL FUNCTIONS ON THEIR THURSDAY/FRIDAY WEEKEND.

4. AS A TENTATIVE SUGGESTION FOR THE WEEKEND, WE BELIEVE A WORTHWILE PROGRAM CAN BE ARRANGED FOR FRIDAY WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MISSION (USGS). SURVEY HAS BEEN CONDUCTING EXTENSIVE GEOLOGICAL, GEOGRAPHICAL AND MINERALOGICAL STUDIES IN ARABIA FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. A FIELD TRIP WITH THE USGS, PERHAPS BY AIR TO ONE OF ITS CAMP SITES MIGHT BE INTERESTING AND WORTHWHILE. FIELD TRIP WOULD BE PRECEDED BY SHORT BRIEFING AT USGS LABORATORY/HEADQUARTERS IN JIDDA ON FRIDAY MORNING. CODEL MAY WISH TO PROCEED ON TO RIYADH ON ONE OF SAUDI AIRWAYS FLIGHTS LEAVING JIDDA FRIDAY EVENING (1830 OR 2115). THIS WOULD ENABLE CODEL TO GET OFF TO EARLY START ON SATURDAY CALLS. ACCOMMODATIONS COULD BE ARRANGED EITHER AT INTERNATIONAL HOTEL OR SMALL EMBASSY GUEST HOUSE. BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR PORTER AND A FEW OTHER OFFICERS WOULD FOLLOW BREAKFAST AT RESIDENCE ON THURSDAY MORNING.

5. IF AUDIENCE WITH KING IS ESTABLISHED, ROYAL PROTOCOL WILL PROVIDE ALL LOCAL TRANSPORTATION.
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